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Dear Harold,

I wasn't able to tape McDonald because I had spent the night at my aunt's and forgot to take my tape recorder with me. However, he was only on for about 5 minutes and they didn't take any phone calls. All he really did was summarize the book. He explained how Kimsey had been his boss at CIA and how he had come to tell him about "Saul". He told about Saul's strategy of firing "under" someone else being typical of a professional assassin. Most of the time was spent discussing how McDonald's credentials made the book more believable and worthy of careful examination. McDonald said that so far the book has sold close to a million copies and is gaining the attention of alot of public officials. In fact, he said that the Church committee requested a tape of a show he had done in, I believe, Oregon. The interview ended with a plug for the book and McDonald saying that he would like to see a committee such as Church's get hold of Saul and question him. He did make it clear throughout the interview that he felt Russia was responsible for the assassination, that it had the most to gain by Kennedy's elimination and had exerted "pressure" on certain Cubans and members of CIA to accomplish it.

Some of the local radio talk shows have been getting calls from people who have read McDonald's book so I imagine he'll be doing one of those in the near future. If so, I'll tape it for you.

Best,

Karen